UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS GALVESTON DIVISION

SHERIFF BRAD COE, et al.)
Plaintiffs, v.))) No. 3:21-cv-00168
JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR., et al.)
Defendants.)

DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITY

Defendants submit this notice to advise the Court of a recent unanimous opinion from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit related to the issues in this case. As the Court is aware, a district court for the Southern District of Ohio entered a preliminary injunction partially enjoining the government from relying on the September Guidance. See Pls.' Notice of Suppl. Auth. (ECF No. 81) (citing Arizona v. Biden, --- F.Supp.3d ----, No. 3:21-cv-314, 2022 WL 839672 (S.D. Ohio Mar. 22, 2022)). On April 12, 2022, the Sixth Circuit granted the governments' motion to stay the preliminary injunction pending appeal. Order, Arizona v. Biden, No. 22-3272 (6th Cir. April 12, 2022) (attached). The Sixth Circuit, in an opinion by Chief Judge Sutton, reasoned (1) that the States likely lacked standing, id. at 5-8; (2) that the September Guidance likely is unreviewable under the Administrative Procedure Act because it is not final agency action, id. at 9-12; (3) that, even if it were reviewable, Defendants were likely to prevail on the merits because (a) the September Guidance likely is not "contrary to law," id. at 12-15; (b) the September Guidance likely is not "arbitrary or capricious," id. at 15-16; and (c) the September Guidance likely was not required to undergo notice-and-comment procedures, id. at 16. For the Court's convenience, Defendants are attaching a copy of the Sixth Circuit's opinion to this filing.

Dated: April 13, 2022 Respectfully submitted,

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I certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing document was filed electronically (via CM/ECF) on April 13, 2022.

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